



# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### NEW BLACKFEET WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEDICATED

EAST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) Governor Schweitzer joined Blackfeet tribal leaders at a groundbreaking yesterday for a four-point-nine (m) million-dollar water treatment plant.

It's a critical piece of a larger project to supply clean water to East Glacier and Browning. The two communities currently receive bad water from separate systems.

The new plant will treat water from Lower Two Medicine Lake, and is scheduled to be completed in July 2008.

Water will be available immediately to East Glacier residents. But ten miles of pipeline will have to be built before Browning residents can receive the treated water. Pipeline construction could begin next spring or summer.

### FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION

PABLO — Stage I fire restrictions will be placed into effect as of 1 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2007 and will remain in effect until rescinded. As of July 1, burning permits will no longer be issued due to wind and high temperatures.

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### FWS SEEKS COMMENT ON DISTRIBUTION OF MIGRATORY BIRD FEATHERS TO NATIVE AMERICANS

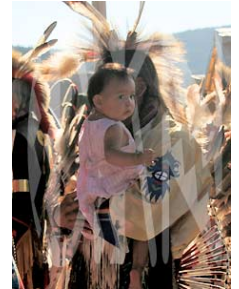
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is seeking public comment on a proposal to develop regulations that would allow Native Americans to obtain parts and feathers from migratory birds other than eagles for religious or spiritual use.

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### HEARTBEAT OF ONE, HEARTBEAT OF MANY THE ARLEE POW-WOW CELEBRATES ITS 109TH YEAR By Alyssa Kelly

ARLEE — It was grand entry as dancers lined for what seemed to be miles long. An audience gathered in the stands to find the seat for the best view. The announcer, Alec Quequesah, gave his last call for the drummers and the dancers as he entertained the people with jokes in a tone that is all his own. Conversations drowned across the crowd as the people waited in anticipation to see their favorite dancer and hear their favorite songs.

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### THRILLS AND SPILLS OF INDIAN RELAY RACING AT THE ST. X RODEO

HARDIN — In a series of photos taken in less than 5 seconds by Jim Eshleman the excitement, danger, unpredictability of the horses and courage of the Indian Relay riders and their team members is clearly displayed.

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### NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS CELEBRATION HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

By John McGill

"We're proud of our Indian culture," said Blackfeet Councilman Rodney "Fish" Gervais, "and Indian Days provides an opportunity to share it with the rest of the world, particularly for non-Indian people so they can go home with fond memories of Indian people in general."

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